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Nick Bryant stands at attention during the opening ceremonies of Haliburton Legion's Remembrance Day dinner Nov. 2. Legions across the County will be commemorating Remembrance Day at Cenotaphs Nov. 11. See more photos on page 15. *Photo by Justin Belanger.*

Foundation closes book on \$6.225M campaign

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's 'Here for You in the Highlands' campaign ended the way it started Nov. 1 - with another \$500,000 from the Cockwell family and Haliburton Forest.

Campaign chair Tayce Wakefield said the Cockwell's overall \$1 million donation had

brought the Foundation effort to an end - having raised more than \$6.225 million to date.

She lauded other community donors in further announcing they had exceeded their original goal of \$4.3 million, for CT, mammography, new ultrasound, picture archiving communications system, and

related technologies. She noted it was enough money to also provide for an urgently-needed new x-ray suite.

Malcolm Cockwell, the Forest's managing director, said, "the importance of the diagnostic imaging campaign's objectives was clear to our group from the first discussion with HHHS. Increasing the

capability and capacity of the hospital is critical to the well-being of our employees, clients, their families, visitors, and all other residents in the region. This resulted in our initial gift at the beginning of this campaign."

He added, "over the last few months, the generosity of the community has been

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The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is pleased to invite members and the public to our **Annual General Meeting** to be held on **November 24, 2024** at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery Meeting Hall (6712 Gelert Rd.) between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This year's guest speaker is Matthew Bancroft the District Supervisor for Bracebridge, Minden, Parry Sound District of the MNRF.

A summary of the HHOA's activities for the past year will be shared as well as the last fiscal year's financial report. The opportunity for invitations of prospective HHOA Board directors will take place as well. This commitment leads to becoming involved in the workings of the HHOA and assisting in maintaining Haliburton County as a premier Outdoor Activity destination in the Province of Ontario and beyond.

At this time COVID protocols are not mandatory but personal choice of precautions are respected.

Hope to see you on November 24th!

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Malcolm Cockwell of Haliburton Forest announces another \$500,000 for the 'Here for You in the Highlands' campaign, bringing his family's total donation to \$1 million. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Large and small gifts made

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astounding: large gifts and small gifts together have enabled this immensely positive investment in our local health services. The generosity of the community is such a clear demonstration of the importance of this initiative, that we were motivated to make a second gift."

Wakefield said they appreciated the donation for taking them "over the top, with the help of the incredible support from over 650 donors." She thanked the leadership of the volunteer campaign cabinet (Greg Bishop, Kurtis Bishop, David Blodgett, Michael Harrison, Peter Henry, Pat Kennedy, Klara Oyler, Keith Sjögren, Roger Trull and Dale Walker).

Foundation executive director, Melanie Klodt Wong said, in mid-September, Christine Tutssel and Rob Holl announced they would match all gifts to the end of October up to \$500,000. "This has inspired more donors and we are pleased to announce that their matching challenge has been fully met.

"It has been such an incredible campaign, with the breadth of support from the community, including the amazing group of volunteers I've had the pleasure to work with. Without them, this would not have been possible, and definitely not at the speed at which it was accomplished."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Veronica Nelson said, "adding these diagnostic imaging technologies and services is the first step forward in our plans to build

capacity in, and expand, healthcare services in the County.

"Our community deserves access to excellent local care. We thank every donor for their support in helping us optimize health and wellbeing in the County."

She said more than 1,000 patients had already undergone CT scans, and the mammography unit will be installed in January.

HHHS Foundation board chair David Blodgett said with the province requiring the community to fund the majority of capital investments, the Foundation's core purpose is to work closely with the community to raise the necessary funds to support and enable HHHS to better serve healthcare needs, acute care, long-term care and community services. He said this campaign's record-breaking success had broadened their donor base. "We look forward to working with all of our donor partners to build on this success as we forge ahead."

Warden Liz Danielsen said, "improving healthcare locally is an important enabler for community, social and economic development. County council voted to support this campaign (\$1 million) because we recognized the benefit of keeping our emergency services close to home and to providing a foundation of broad-based support."

She added because of the new technology, their EMS teams had improved response times to local emergencies by 28 per cent (CTAS1), "assuring residents that more ambulances are readily available across the County.

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Land Trust pursues sixth property

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is launching an online auction Nov. 17 in hopes of supporting its efforts to secure a sixth property for the conservation organization.

Spokesperson Sheila Ziman said the Land Trust has “an exciting opportunity” to purchase the Hadlington Reserve in Highlands East.

“It’s a 100-acre, undeveloped property with 3.5 km of natural river shoreline, forests, wetlands and rocky barrens and supports three turtles at-risk species” she said.

Ziman added they had secured \$50,000 in federal government funding, and another \$50,000 from the private Schad Foundation. They hope to line up support from other grants and foundations but need to raise \$75,000 to complete the purchase by the end of the year.

The online auction will go until Dec. 8 and they’ve created a fundraising campaign on CanadaHelps.

“This is an important step forward for conservation in Haliburton County,” Ziman said.

If successful, it would be the Land Trust’s first property in Highlands East.

Ziman said it is a “rare and urgent” opportunity to protect the property, which she described as “100 acres of untouched wilderness identified as a high priority in the Highlands Corridor.”

As part of the Highlands Corridor project, the Land Trust is working with private



The Hadlington property wetland habitat that supports three turtles-at-risk species. *Submitted.*

landowners and donors. Biologist Paul Heaven reviewed properties and prioritized them, preferring large tracts, with species-at-risk, near other protected areas, such as Crown land, or a provincial park, or another Land Trust property.

Ziman said the Hadlington property came up in Heaven’s research because of Crown Land on three sides.

“When I think of the Highlands Corridor, I think of it like a puzzle and each of our partners in conservation is like a puzzle piece that goes in and connects to the next piece.”

She said this land, if put in place, would connect the three pieces of Crown land to enhance the wildlife corridor. She noted the property is perfect to sequester carbon, which is important to the Land Trust and County.

Ziman said the current owner is moving on and wishes to see the property preserved, offering them first priority for purchase.

The land features pristine forests, 11.5 hectares of wetland, and 3.5 kilometres of shoreline along the Irondale River and the Hadlington Creek. Many uncommon species, such as Eastern Hog-Nosed Snakes, Black

Ash, and Lungwort Lichen, can be found there.

This would be the first-ever Land Trust purchase. It’s also never done a fundraising campaign to purchase a property. Ziman said the land is appraised at \$270,000. The Land Trust also has to set aside funds to ensure it is protected in perpetuity.

Visit bit.ly/48vQgFF to learn more, make a direct donation, or join the Land Trust’s upcoming fundraising auction. The link for registration is: app.galabid.com/hhltholidayevent.

Norland camp gets upgrade thanks to OTF

By Lisa Gervais

Camp Endobanah in Norland recently announced it is using a \$117,200 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to transform a 1940s Toronto Transit Commission women’s quarters to the camp’s updated main lodge.

Camp president Matt Welland said there was a ceremony Oct. 26 to mark the milestone.

He said MPP Laurie Scott was on hand to see what the non-profit group had done

with the money it received last fall.

The year-long grant was used to renovate and update the camp’s main lodge, which has been reconstituted from one of the TTC’s temporary structures rebuilt at the camp in 1946 and now a permanent feature at Camp Endobanah.

“Funding provided to Camp Endobanah, by the OTF, will provide improved accessibility allowing all campers to enjoy this wonderful facility,” Scott said.

She added, “these improvements will enable the camp to offer activities to the

community year-round, taking advantage of nature throughout the seasons.”

The funds were used to upgrade the camp’s main lodge and kitchen insulation, heating systems, LED lighting, windows and doors to provide better energy efficiency and more comfortable year-round use. Door hardware and washroom upgrades have improved accessibility and efficiency.

Welland said the OTF grant allowed them to transform the focal point of the camp, the main lodge, to make it more accessible,

energy efficient and comfortable. “A building that started its life as a TTC temporary women’s quarters at Yonge and Eglinton in Toronto, has had new life breathed in to it to support the local communities that operate their camps from Camp Endobanah,” he added.

Camp Endobanah is a not-for-profit camp run entirely by volunteers. Since 1932, the camp has offered a rental space for youth and family groups to operate their camp programs.



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Union lead hoping to avoid postal strike

By Mike Baker

The longer negotiations between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) over a new contract stretches on, the more likely there will be a strike, says Doug Ford, president of the local 564 covering Lindsay and Haliburton County.

Approximately 55,000 letter carriers, mail service couriers, postal clerks and mail handlers nationwide have been working without a contract since Dec. 31, 2023, Ford said. Union officials have been in talks with higher ups from the Crown corporation for months, but as of Nov. 6 no deal has been struck.

Canada Post's latest offer, presented last week, included annual wage increases amounting to 11.5 per cent over the next four years, while also including protections for defined benefit and pension plans for current employees.

Speaking to *The Highlander* Monday evening, Ford said the offer didn't address workers' main concerns.

"When Canada Post publicizes the offers they've made, what they focus on is things like wage increases. But they're not telling the public about what they're trying to take away," Ford said. "Canada Post has told the public they wish to get into seven-day delivery to compete with Amazon – CUPW, I don't think, is disagreeing with that. Where the problem lies is in the language of the contract."

Ford said, now, all CUPW employees enjoy "predictable" schedules with regular hours during the traditional work week. While there's an acceptance workers may have to lose weekends, Ford said what's being

proposed goes further than that.

"Today, you might have a Monday to Friday job, but in the new contract you'd be expected to work seven days a week. Possibly four hours some days, and eight to 12 hours other days. These are things the union sees as non-negotiable," Ford said.

He also expressed concern over a two-tier wage and benefits system Canada Post is trying to include in a fresh deal, meaning new employees would start at a significantly reduced rate. "We want everybody to be equal," Ford said.

In a statement to CBC Nov. 3, Canada Post said it is "rapidly falling behind in today's highly competitive, customer-focused parcel delivery market," and is proposing a seven-day work week as a possible solution.

The Crown corporation has reported losses of \$490 million through the first six months of 2024 and \$3 billion since 2018.

Ford said of the approximate 100 unionized employees in the region, about 95 per cent voted in favour of a strike mandate. Nationwide, CPUW reported approximately 90 per cent of employees supported a potential strike.

"We've given the national executive board the right to bargain on our behalf. But we don't want to be on strike. That's not what anybody wants. Most of our members are living paycheck to paycheck. Nobody can really afford to go on strike, especially over the holidays," said Ford.

The union has to provide 72-hours' notice before striking – Ford predicts if that were to happen, the first step would be rotational walkouts in major hubs like Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, and Vancouver. If



About 100 Canada Post employees in Haliburton County and Lindsay are in a legal strike position. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

a full-scale lockout is called, customers in the County would be impacted, he said.

Ford said he's been with Canada Post since 2007 and has been involved in multiple labour disruptions – the last in 2018, which ran for three days before the federal government mandated the postal workers return to work and sent the issue to binding arbitration.

Ford expects a similar thing would happen

again, though retains hope for a negotiated contract.

"That's what all organized labour people want to see. Unfortunately, history with Canada Post has shown often that just isn't possible. We've had to settle for third party negotiated agreements in the past," he said.

Since 1965, CPUW has been involved in 19 major labour disputes with their employer.

OPP investigating fatal ATV collision in Haliburton

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a fatal single all-terrain vehicle (ATV) collision in Haliburton.

On Nov. 2, at approximately 3:45 p.m., OPP responded to a single ATV collision

on Glamorgan Road. The lone rider was transported to hospital by Lindsay Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The individual, a 32-year-old from Haliburton, was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement Team attended to process the scene. Members of the OPP are continuing the investigation, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner.

The OPP is requesting that if anyone

has any information that may assist investigators to contact OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.khcrimestoppers.com. (Lisa Gervais).

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 - Saturday, November 16 from 11am to 3pm: Annual Christmas in the Village. Local artisans, Christmas crafts, old-fashioned candy shop, and more! Santa will be there after the Santa Claus Parade. The Haliburton County Public Library will offer button-making and story time. A book sale, hosted by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library, will run from 10am to 2pm. Admission is by donation.
 - Now accepting vendor registration forms for the Artisan Market Place at our Christmas in the Village event, taking place on Saturday, November 16 from 11am to 3pm. Email culturalcentre@mindenhill.ca for vendor information.
 - World-renowned local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward share their exhibit *Burner Herzog*. The exhibit is on display until November 23 at The Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation.
- For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhill.ca or call 705-286-3763.

BID OPPORTUNITIES

- The Township of Minden Hills currently has the following tenders available:
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 - RFQ MH-PW-2024-04 Provision of Truck and Construction Equipment Rates
- See Bid Opportunities on our website or Contact Sherry Mulholland, Deputy Treasurer, for more information. *Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.*

UPCOMING EVENTS / PROGRAMS

- Tree Lighting Ceremony taking place at the Village Green on Friday, November 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Minden Hills the Santa Claus Parade is back on Saturday, November 16 starting at 11 a.m. at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Parade will travel along Parkside St. to Bobcaygeon Road to Newcastle and end at the Township office parking lot on St. Germaine.
- Community Services has a variety of Youth Programs. Check them out online and register today!
- Register for Fitness classes today! New session starts next week. Register in person at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena or online at www.mindenhill.ca.

COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. Meetings begin at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- November 14 – Regular Council Meeting
- November 28 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal.

WINTER PARKING

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th overnight parking is illegal from midnight to 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in areas that interferes with snow removal will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

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Deputy mayor wants pressure on busing

By Lisa Gervais

Responding to resident concerns about safety in downtown Minden - in light of a new school board policy making children walk 1.6 km to Archie Stouffer Elementary School - staff reported back to council Oct. 31 about safe movement in the core.

Council had asked staff on Sept. 26 to look into crossing guards.

CAO Cynthia Fletcher noted the township has already been working on the file. For example, in the summer, they expanded the existing community safety zone to include all of Water Street and the remaining portion of Bobcaygeon Road through Minden village. The roads department has also installed four digital speed limit signs to help slow traffic.

The CAO added mayor Bob Carter, and Dysart mayor Murray Fearrey, recently met with Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) officials; and plan to contact MPP Laurie Scott to request a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation.

Fletcher added, "there are several potential changes to infrastructure that staff are exploring." However, she said they have to investigate further and crunch some numbers for budget deliberations.

One thought is pedestrian crosswalks on Bobcaygeon Road, and, or Water Street, with locations to be determined. Fletcher said they could remove the two courtesy crosswalks on Bobcaygeon Road and install a "proper" one. There could be another on Water Street near the footbridge. She said they would need to develop concept renderings, get public input and do a traffic study. The crosswalks would

have to be approved under the Highway Traffic and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities acts.

Staff are also working on a proposal to upgrade sidewalks and ramps for better access to all pedestrians, including those with mobility issues. There may be grant money available.

Fletcher said they could also look into lowering the speed limit on Bobcaygeon Road.

When it comes to crossing guards, she said it would be something new for the township and needs more investigation. They are governed under the Highway Traffic Act and there are many requirements, such as certification, on-going training, supervision, and safety equipment, among others.

"Staff intend to have further conversation with the OPP, local school and colleague municipalities who offer this service," she said.

They could also investigate a Walking School Bus program, the CAO reported. "Like a motorized bus, there is a planned route with scheduled pick-up points or 'stops'... which has many benefits for children and families, including safety, better health, and socializing with friends and neighbours." Coun. Pam Sayne did question liability under such a program.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell said she is worried TLDSB will continue to increase walking distances. "I don't want to stop putting pressure on the school board. It's their responsibility. I don't want the townships to take it on and let them get away



Minden Hills has expanded its community safety zone. *File.*

with doing whatever the heck they want." Coun. Tammy McKelvey agreed with the "need to put pressure on... if they can't do busing, they can do crossing guards. People need to be encouraged to contact the school

board to do the job they are supposed to be doing." The staff report was received for information.

Low water levels continuing on reservoir lakes

Parks Canada's water management team says an extended trend of below-average precipitation has impacted watersheds across the Trent-Severn Waterway, including the reservoir lakes.

"Most lakes are well below long-term average water levels. Most of the reservoir lakes remain at their respective winter set dam configuration. The Gull River reservoirs are 35 per cent full, and the Burnt River reservoirs are 35 per cent full,"

the Trent-Severn Waterway said on Nov. 5. They added the central reservoirs are 40 per cent full and The Gull and Burnt River flows are significantly below average.

They added Parks Canada continues to actively monitor water levels, flows, and weather forecasts across TSW, since these factors are used to determine dam operations on a daily basis.

The TSW noted rainfall amounts for September and October have contributed to

25-75 per cent less precipitation compared to the long-term averages. The months of September and October contributed to values that are less than 50-75 mm than the long-term mean. The five-day forecast suggests a temperature trend above the freezing mark and about 3-16 mm of rain.

"The extended low amounts of precipitation have decreased flows and water levels at most locations. The most recent rainfall events were spatially variable

and not significant, as a result currently, flows remain below average and receding across the Trent-Severn Watershed. The current forecast indicates that water levels and outflows may continue to decline and are subject to change depending on amounts of rain in the forecast." (Lisa Gervais).



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Minden targets end of March for full STR

By Lisa Gervais

Acknowledging “there’s been some hiccups, to say the least, along the way,” Minden Hills’ chief building official Eric Guay tabled a report to an Oct. 31 council meeting seeking approval for a staged approach to the new short-term rental bylaw.

Council passed its bylaw to regulate and govern the operation of STRs Sept. 12. Guay said staff have been working with Granicus Canada on implementation as the bylaw came into force Oct. 1. Granicus got the contract for monitoring and compliance.

“An essential role of the service contract was to provide an effective roll out to the STR registration and compliance program; however, the implementation has not progressed as originally anticipated,” Guay said.

“There have been implementation delays due to the vendor not being able to adequately meet the townships’ requirements.”

He noted that recently both Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands have adopted a staged approach to the roll out of their STR programs. “In a concerted effort to have continuity amongst the lower-tier municipalities regarding STR

implementation, staff recommend that council adopt a similar implementation process,” Guay suggested.

He said stage one would be an implementation phase, until May 31, 2025, with a focus on education, voluntary compliance, and conditional approvals of licences. “The expectation will be that staff will work with operators to achieve compliance with all aspects (of the bylaw) during this time frame.”

He said enforcement will focus on potential hazards to occupants and neighbours, so anything of a health and safety risk, as well as environmental issues; things such as high-risk sewage systems, access for emergency service vehicles, fire threat, and building code issues.

Stage two would see active enforcement as of June 1, 2025. “All requirements pertaining to the bylaw will be enforced and all properties that remain non-compliant will have demerit points, administrative penalties applied, and will be subject to the issuance of orders to achieve compliance,” Guay said.

Mayor Bob Carter said he was “really troubled” by the June 1 date. “The number in my head is March 31. If you got me April 30, I could probably live with that.” However, he

said he wanted the full court press to occur before the May 24 weekend.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey agreed, saying she’d like full enforcement to begin in the winter season to ensure renters “here to enjoy the winter season are safe.” And Coun. Ivan Ingram also preferred a March 31 date. The majority of councillors directed staff towards that date.

CAO Cynthia Fletcher said between now and then, “the program is not stopping. We are taking applications, having conversations with operators, we need some time for staff and community members to have an education and adjustment period.” At the same time, she said there would be enforcement for “egregious non-compliance.”

Council received the report for information only.

AH starts short-term rental licenses

The registration and licensing system for the Township of Algonquin Highlands’ short-term rental bylaw went live Nov. 1.

It is available to residents through the short-term rentals page of the Algonquin Highlands website, where you can also access the



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bylaw and its associated documents. Under the bylaw, residents who operate short-term rentals must register them with the township and obtain an operating licence.

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Renderings of the proposed affordable housing project for Minden. *Submitted.*

MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Affordable housing project gets closer

The lifting of a holding provision for lands on Hwy. 35 south of the Minden Legion could finally pave the way for the construction of a 36-unit affordable housing development at the site, which is also south of the County Rd. 121 turn-off.

Planner Amanda Dougherty told a Minden Hills Oct. 31 meeting the holding provision was placed on the land subject to receiving site plan approval, and requirements, from the Ministry of Transportation, which have now been done.

It is a project of the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation (KLHHC).

Mayor Bob Carter, who sits on the KLHHC board, said a tender can now be issued. He said that could happen in November

or December. Depending on response, and funding from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Carter said KLHHC would like to see construction start in 2025.

Give and take

Carter said the township has learned it is getting a 10 per cent funding increase from the provincial government for 2025.

"I really have to thank them when they do come up with a little bit more money that's been demanded by municipalities in Ontario since seemingly forever," he said.

However, Carter added the offset is they had received their invoice from the Ontario Provincial Police, and the price tag is going up 18 per cent, "which will eat up virtually all of our extra funding from the provincial government."

Carter said the municipality is awaiting a

meeting with OPP to explain their increased costs.

Community engagement to begin

Council has awarded the tender for the community engagement component of its strategic priority plan.

The selected company is Arising Collective, based in Peterborough, at a cost of \$19,500 plus HST. CAO Cynthia Fletcher said the cost of the project is to be funded from the 2023 capital carry over \$50,000 allocation for the strategic plan. She added it was "right on track with what we had budgeted."

As for next steps, she said she would schedule a kickoff meeting with Arising Collective and report back to council.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais).



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Making peace with daylight savings

A friend told me a funny story on the weekend - about how her uncle refused to accept daylight savings time. Said uncle would not change his clocks in the spring or fall. Asked if he missed any appointments as a result, my friend said her uncle recognized the time had changed elsewhere, but refused to acknowledge it at home.

This is always a tough time of the year for me. I dread daylight savings time in the fall as I dislike the earlier dark in the evening. My body also goes into appetite overdrive - as though my very life depends on fattening up for the coming winter.

It doesn't, just as one has to wonder if daylight savings time has run its course.

Our nation first used daylight savings time during the First World War. This followed a global push to conserve fuel and reduce the need for electric light. The idea was that people would use less energy to light their homes if they had more daylight hours during working hours.

However, some people believe daylight savings time is no longer as effective as it once was. The energy required for air

conditioning, heaters, and electronics is now much greater than the energy saved by reducing lighting.

Further, the Canadian Sleep Society has called for an end to daylight savings time. It wreaks havoc with our slumber around the two times changes. I know I hit the Melatonin for about a week around the adjustment each spring and fall.

Further, some places in Canada do not change the time at all, including parts of British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, and Nunavut.

In 2020, Ontario passed a law to stop observing daylight savings time, but that was contingent on New York state and Quebec doing the same. That hasn't happened. However, Quebec is asking its citizens via an online public consultation if it's time to scrap the practice.

Long-time letter writer Beverly MacDuff of Gooderham wrote to say she's not sure what the fuss is about. She seems to think daylight savings time was created to aid weather forecasting and train travel. She's seen many clocks change over the years. She said it had

not impacted her mental health or overall well-being. She also thinks there are bigger fish to fry than whether or not Ontario should scrap daylight savings time; such as war and violence. Bev's advice? Enjoy the slower pace that daylight savings time has given us to relax and breathe a little easier.

Maybe she's right. As humans, we are intrinsically linked with nature. Winter is when I most feel like hibernating; staying at home, and craving more sleep, comfort food and the warmth of the fireplace. It's time for quiet and introspection. In a world ravaged by war and other cataclysmic events, it's the great pause, the great reset that we all so desperately need.

So, while daylight savings time was invented to conserve electric light... in today's world, maybe it's all about conserving our inner light. Despite the disrupted sleep and food cravings, it might not be a bad thing after all.



By Lisa Gervais

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Nowhere but Paint Lake

By Susan Tromanhauser

Growing up in London, Chase Courneya had become accustomed to cottage life on the Lake Huron sandy beaches of the Grand Bend area. But after three summers working at Lumina Resort in Lake of Bays during college, Courneya became fascinated by the Canadian Shield and the abundance of lakes of the Haliburton Highlands. He was enticed to stay.

While back home hanging with friends in Grand Bend, he came across a company renting out fly boards. Most people would see fly boarding as a fun summer experience, Courneya instantly saw it as an excuse to go back up north. On a whim, he bought into the company, took his newly-earned marketing credentials and started Ontario Jetpacks near Dorset.

What began as his first adult job quickly turned into a passion. He ran the business in the Highlands area in the summer and relocated to warmer climates in the winter. The founder of fly boarding came from France so what better place to hone fly boarding skills in the winter than the French Polynesian island of New Caledonia? There, Courneya learned more about running a fly boarding business and received intensive training, becoming an accomplished performer, participating in international competitions.

Courneya spent additional winters on the Australian Gold Coast. No matter how warm the winters, how exciting the fly boarding competitions, Courneya always returned to Paint Lake in Haliburton for the summer.

Then COVID swept the world.

Courneya spent his first full winter at his



Chase Courneya. *Submitted.*

new home on Paint Lake in 2021. While most people were getting puppies to ease the isolation, Courneya got a duck. Doug the Duck became Courneya's unique, but lovable companion, adored by all. When Courneya pulled into the driveway, Doug eagerly waddled to greet him. In the evening when time to go inside, Courneya called his name and Doug swam from across the lake, ready for bedtime. Unfortunately, Doug's life was recently cut short as he became prey for a nearby fox. Courneya misses Doug as anyone would miss a member of their family.

Courneya also works on his second venture, a digital marketing company which he can operate from anywhere as long as he has an internet connection. Courneya now chooses to stay on Paint Lake full-time. He has

become part of the Highlands' community. He keeps busy playing hockey, socializing with his many friends as well as volunteer work as the chair of the Algonquin Highlands Recreation Committee. Last Halloween, Courneya organized the Trunk or Treat in Dorset and this fall began a pick-up basketball league at the newly re-opened Dorset Recreation Centre.

Courneya has traveled the world, and enjoys going back to London to visit family and friends; but the traffic and busy city life sends him back up north in only a few days. Paint Lake is now home. At 31, Courneya has his whole life ahead of him, but can't envision being anywhere other than the Highlands.

LETTERS

Thanks, HIFF volunteers

Dear editor,

This year’s HIFF has been another great success.

Mind you, it was a tough ride through this year’s lineup of movies. *The Count of Monte Cristo* was a great adventure story, and the animated story with the cat as the main character was fantastic. All films offered a lot of food for thought, and some left one somewhat depressed.

However, the big surprise for me was that the two most difficult movies, *Home Free* and *Drive Back Home*, which I would have expected to be depressing, left me elated and uplifted.

The only explanation I have for that is that both movies dealt with siblings who interacted with each other at the beginning of the story through social niceties and hiding behind walls of anger and who in the end became real and communicated with each other eventually with total honesty.

We all owe the committee of volunteers that made Those Other Movies, HIFF, and Hot Docks such great successes, a huge vote of thanks. Those volunteers spend hours and hours sitting through so many movies to select for us the best of all to enjoy. Thank you.

Armin Weber
Eagle Lake

Enough already

Dear editor,

It is wonderful to read in *The Highlander* how the mayor of Dysart et al and the mayor of Minden Hills have joined forces to speak out in unison about a school board decision (re: the distances students must be from the school in order to qualify for busing).

It is totally unacceptable that the school board is not listening and acting accordingly to such a vital issue with regards to safety.

It is possible that various citizens might surmise that since they have no family members impacted, it really isn’t of concern to them (and anyway didn’t they walk that far - way, way back in the good ol’ days).

But think about it. You might be the one to hit the child and you will be grossly impacted. Also, way back in the good ol’ days, there was less traffic, especially at school in/out times and for sure, drivers drove differently.

Children have no say in this political situation. It is up to all of us to advocate to best get them to school as safely as possible. Besides, even as an adult, I personally find it challenging to safely walk some of these roads, especially in the winter when the snowplough comes down narrow roads.

Luckily, I do not have to get to school and I do have the luxury of deciding to walk somewhere else or at a time of my selection.

Let’s come together and show solidarity for those who don’t yet have the privilege of voting. This needs to be rectified before the first snowfall. Enough already.

Bernie Davis
Minden

Deer feeding debate continues

Dear editor,

I’m writing to clarify some misinformation in a recent letter to the editor, by former Dysart mayor Andrea Roberts.

While opinions are valid, correcting those based on misunderstandings is important. Roberts used ‘ignorant’ to describe people like me, who choose to feed deer, so let’s address that.

Deer are not in town because of people like me feeding them - they’re here because Haliburton is surrounded by forest. A moratorium on shooting wolves and coyotes near Algonquin Park has led to a rise in predators, driving deer further south. If you spoke with local hunters, you’d find that the deer population is actually declining, not increasing.

Roberts mentioned living on Halbiem Crescent for 30 years, which was once Wallings Dairy farmland. Now, it’s a subdivision bordering forests and wildlife. Living in northern Ontario, surrounded by wilderness, should make the presence of deer expected, not surprising. Complaining about seeing deer in Glebe Park - an area of natural habitat - is simply unreasonable.

As for deer-vehicle collisions, rural living comes with wildlife. I used to pick up deer hit by cars for Haliburton Forest, and OPP officers noted that most collisions were due to speeding, not the deer. Blaming wildlife for accidents caused by driver behaviour is misguided.

Regarding fireworks, my wife and I own a farm, and though our neighbour’s fireworks displays disturb our animals, we reached an understanding by communicating directly with him - something that might serve you well, too.

I wish you had spoken to me rather than broadcasting assumptions. Haliburton is more than a place for individual comfort; it’s a community that includes its wildlife. This town and its natural beauty aren’t an inconvenience but a treasure. If you don’t appreciate that, perhaps Haliburton isn’t for you.

Phil Primavera
Haliburton

There are other versions of Jesus

Dear editor,

Thank you, editor Lisa Gervais, for your sidebar notes following the story (Oct. 31) about the youth initiative being developed in Haliburton.

Aside from a passing observation about Leanne studying youth ministry, there was no indication in the story itself around the very specific church sponsorship of this group.

Youth For Christ does indeed practice a very specific and narrow version of Christianity, and to not publicize it is slippery.

A practice known as stealth evangelism. If, as Leanne indicates, there will be ‘conversations’ in which youth are

welcome to disclose gender and sexuality complexities, it is clear where those conversations will end up.

Being told that they are mistaken or distorted, and that this church can offer a fix. YFC represents a fundamentalist version of church with roots in the U.S. in the middle of the last century.

Many Canadian denominations have, over the last century, (once past the blunders of colonialism) developed a distinctly open and compassionate theology with critical thinking and humility about truth.

People have the right to believe as they choose and gather with like-minded folks. What is not ok is the bait-and-switch practice of drawing young people in without disclosing the real goals. Trust them with the information. Tell them right at the door that just inside the velvet glove of the group hugs is one particularly hard-edged version of Jesus. There are others.

Doug Norris
Algonquin Highlands

Thank you

Dear editor,

In the early morning of Sept. 13, my wife, Anne, awoke feeling quite unwell. A 911 call and within minutes paramedics arrived, assessed her condition and transported her to the Haliburton Hospital by about 9 a.m.

After a quick and thorough assessment by nurses and doctors, they concluded that she may have had a heart attack and decided to send her by ambulance to the Peterborough Hospital by about 11 a.m. In Peterborough, it was determined that she required a stent to deal with a blockage issue. The procedure was successful, and Anne spent the next few days there in order for staff to be able to monitor her condition and recovery.

Back home, Anne is recovering well. We just wanted to express our sincere appreciation to the paramedic team and nurses and doctors at both the Haliburton and Peterborough hospitals. We are all so fortunate to have such dedicated healthcare providers when we need them. Thank you to all who attended to Anne’s distress, treatment and recovery.

We would also like to thank the many friends, family members, and so many others who called with their best wishes and support over the past few weeks. It is a reminder of how fortunate we are to be surrounded by such wonderful folks.

Ron Burk
Lochlin

Time for action on Minden's healthcare crisis

Dear editor,

It’s been over a year since the closure of Minden’s emergency room, and while Premier Doug Ford has expressed regret, our community continues to suffer.

During a recent phone conversation, I reminded the premier that he hasn’t made good on his promise to my daughter, Kinsley, advising Ford, “she feels extremely let down,

and the same as the rest of Minden.” His response? “I apologize. I’m doing my very, very best.” But apologies won’t bring back our ER. Many of our residents don’t have the means to travel long distances for medical care. They relied on the Minden ER, and now, they are left without access to vital services.

Premier Ford promised that the government would help, stating, “if you are at Queen’s Park, call me... I’ll have you in my office, and we will have a chat.” Yet, no concrete steps have been taken to alleviate the healthcare crisis in rural Ontario. In the same conversation, Ford assured us that “we will continue to help in any way we can.” But what help has Minden truly seen? These promises have failed to translate into action. Empty words won’t save lives. The people of Minden need more than words - we need ER services restored before more lives are put at risk.

Patrick Porzuczek
Minden Hills

Enjoy slowing down

Dear editor,

Standard time was established during the 19th century and applied globally in the 20th century.

It originally was to aid weather forecasting and train travel. As we can see, standard time is not new and has been part of our everyday life for years.

As a child, which is some time ago, this time change was part of my life and that of many having no impact on mental health and overall well-being. We are now being bombarded with all the negative risks standard time is having on our health.

To me, this is poppycock and such negative reporting has only enhanced fear verifying how we can be influenced and manipulated by some reporting professionals. There are so many issues we need to set our sights on more important than standard time change. Our world is in turmoil and within our own country it seems violence is running rampant.

So, on this lighter note, enjoy the slower pace standard time has given us to relax and breathe a little easier.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham



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U-Links to tackle 'worst invasive species'

By Mike Baker

U-Links Centre for Community Based Research has kick started a year-long investigation analyzing the threat of invasive phragmites to four watersheds in the northern part of Haliburton County.

Jim Prince, U-Links co-chair, said the non-profit recently received \$20,000 from the Invasive Species Centre to identify patches of the plant – described as one of the most dangerous and prevalent invasive species in Ontario – on Redstone, Kennisis, Growler, and Lipsy lakes in Dysart et al.

The effort, led by a group of more than 25 County-based volunteers, will see approximately 200 kilometres of roads assessed. Prince said U-Links will also map out 20 public water access locations across the County, to see how widespread the problem is.

“Managing invasive phragmites has been identified as a priority in Ontario. The Ontario Phragmites Action program is a new effort to enhance a coordinated response to invasive phragmites across the province,” Prince said, noting the effort is provincially funded. “The primary objective is to expand collaborative action on invasive phragmites across Ontario.

“Haliburton County does have some reported invasive phragmites and it is important to further understand the extent of the problem here,” he added.

Also referred to as European Common

Reed, invasive phragmites has been prevalent in Ontario for decades. The Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) describes it as a perennial grass that largely invades wetlands and beach areas. The plant spreads quickly, out-competing native species for water and nutrients. Once settled, it releases toxins from its roots into the soil to hinder the growth of and kill surrounding plants.

Because of its ability to change eco-systems, invasive phragmites is a threat to fish, birds, and land-based animals.

Prince said it's a major problem in much of southern Ontario and stretches as far north as Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. Early indications, he said, suggest invasive phragmites hasn't completely taken hold in Haliburton County – yet. He's hoping by identifying problematic areas, U-Links can establish a plan to eradicate the plant before it spreads.

The organization enlisted the help of Lynn Short, a horticulture professor from Humber College, who has extensive experience identifying and removing invasive phragmites around Georgian Bay. Short came to Haliburton County over the summer to train local volunteers.

“Lynn has perfected a removal technique – basically you take a shovel and dig at a 45-degree angle and remove the roots, which are called rhizomes. If you carefully do that in targeted spots, it's possible to effectively remove it,” Prince said.

Several areas Short has treated on Georgian Bay have shown signs of life – with native plants taking over again.

U-Links has identified several sample removal plots it would like to work on – near Kennisis Lake – though will need to apply for funding in 2025. There will likely be money available, Prince said, with the Ontario government investing \$16 million into invasive phragmites identification and eradication over the next few years.

While many may not know invasive phragmites by name, Prince said most can identify it. Capable of growing up to five metres tall, the plant bunches in wetland along roadways. In impacted areas, there can be up to 200 plants per square metre.

“It takes over so quickly. It already has in many urban areas south of us. The good news story here is we've got patches of it, yes, but they're not huge plots yet. We have a chance to stop this before it fully takes hold,” Prince said.

Sara Gregorini and Frank Figuli are the project leads at U-Links and have been working with volunteers and three intern students from the University of Guelph on mapping. Most of the mapping has been complete, Prince said.

One of the benefits, he believes, is U-Links will be able to add to an online database showing anywhere invasive phragmites is found in Ontario. Right now, he called Haliburton County a “data desert”, with very little information available.



Lynn Short, a horticulture professor from Humber College, trained a group of County volunteers on how to identify invasive phragmites over the summer.

Photo by Derek Sutton.

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Heavy hitters at HIFF

Some heavy subject matter left visitors to this past weekend’s Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) with plenty to think about. From wrongful conviction, in *The Count of Monte Cristo*, to climate change, poverty, and trans-species equality in *Can I Get a Witness*, to resilience *Samia*, and homophobia in *Drive Back Home*, there was plenty of fodder for in-depth conversation. There was also the captivating *Flow and All We Imagine as Light*. Next up for Those Other Movies is Doc(k) Day in the spring.

Above: Kate Campbell discusses her work on the stage of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion during HIFF. Right: Director of *Home Free*, Avi Federgreen, hands out packets of tissue before the screening of his film. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



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RPM Haliburton to be home to Yamaha

By Lisa Gervais

RPM Marinas owners, Alan and Ann Gordon, have announced their Haliburton location is slated to become one of Yamaha's "leading showrooms."

"We're bringing Yamahas here (from Redkenn RPM) so it will be in the busiest commercial area in the County. We're doing upgrades on the building in order to brand it as a Yamaha-quality dealership in terms of ambiance through its look and feel," Ann said last week.

To bring this about, RPM Marinas has been moving out inventory to make way for new stock. Although they sold Wedgewood RPM on Twelve Mile Lake earlier this year, Haliburton RPM, Redkenn RPM and Balsam RPM in Coboconk remain firmly in place.

"We will continue to support our 3,000-customer client base, effectively manage a winterization/storage business of over 1,000 boat/sled customers and provide 600 visitors to the County with rental boats/sleds so they can enjoy our Haliburton lakes in the summer and sledding in the winter," Alan said.

Ann said on Oct. 31, "a couple of days ago, we began moving boats off-site in order to make room for the change. We were overstocked in boats and wanted to right size the business, knowing that Yamaha was coming. Kawasaki is still going to be sold out of here, but most of the branding here will be Yamaha, most of the branding at

Redkenn will be Kawasaki. Kawasaki will also be down at Balsam."

Alan added they will still carry other brands, and they understand brand loyalty, but will have less of those product in stock.

Ann said, "we want to announce that this is big news for us and with the sale of Wedgewood RPM, we continue to invest in the marine and powersports business into our 14th year of business in the County."

Alan said Yamaha has recognized County Road 21 into Haliburton as a "huge commercial area." He said it took three years to get the deal done. Ann added it's a more central location, so, "now we'll be able to better service Minden, Haliburton, Kennisis/Redstone area and Coboconk areas."

Alan said they would still be servicing, selling and storing marine and powersports products at Redkenn and Balsam RPM. Ann added the plan is to keep their customer profile up there and Yamaha will still be up at Kennisis, too. "We have added a major extension to storage facilities at the Redkenn RPM location and put new docks in at the Haliburton and Balsam RPM locations over the past four months."

But for the Haliburton location, Ann said, "we're going to make this spectacular. We're basically looking at the business and asking 'what is right for Haliburton and for us?' We were in a growth phase. But we've sold one marina in the last year, so we're no longer in a growth phase. I've finally convinced Alan, who is 67, that he needs to slow down by



Alan and Ann Gordon on a Yamaha sled at Haliburton RPM. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

bringing everything major into this location. It will allow Alan to be central and on top of everything."

Alan added, "the whole concept is people

come up here to play – we have all the toys. I love this business... 99 per cent of people you're dealing with are happy to be here, happy to buy toys and they're excited."

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Carr committed to student innovation

By Mike Baker

Since 2016, Hal High teacher Christine Carr has been helping students reach their potential by developing important life skills, on top of academics, through the school’s popular leadership class.

Running each semester, students are encouraged to identify issues, projects or causes they’re passionate about - and challenged to come up with plans to initiate change or growth – either at school, or in the Haliburton County community.

Carr was recognized for her work during a recent Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) meeting in Minden Oct. 22, where she received a director’s recognition for innovation and leadership award from Wes Hahn. Carr was nominated by HHSS principal Jenn Mills.

“Christine goes above and beyond in everything she does for our students... she provides experiences and opportunities for students to connect in school life, to become leaders for themselves and others,” Mills wrote in her submission. “Christine has taken the curricular expectations to another level, focused on continuous school improvement and inspiring students to be better.”

Speaking to *The Highlander* this week, Carr said she was honoured to receive the award, saying she’s carrying on the work started by Paul Longo, who launched the leadership class and ran it for several years before passing it off in 2023.

Also teaching French and English at HHSS, one of Carr’s first influences was to make the leadership class bilingual. That’s been a big hit, she said.

The class typically attracts around 20 students each semester – Carr said there are 16 enrolled now, but there were more than 30 participants last spring.

No matter the class size, her approach is always the same.

“We start the course by brainstorming everything the students are interested in and passionate about in the community, within the school, and what they’d like to see



HHSS teacher Christine Carr received a director’s recognition for innovation and leadership at an Oct. 22 TLDSB meeting. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

change. Then we make committees based on that,” Carr said. “Then they get to work tackling their project. Committees learn to set action plans, goals, and how to follow through.

“We focus a lot on finding out what everyone’s individual skills are, then building on that to help them take on leadership roles, increasing confidence, and inspiring them to do the work in whatever their chosen area is,” she added.

Last year, one group floated the idea of cleaning up the school courtyard, which was overgrown with weeds and had been unused for years and turn it into an outdoor classroom. Students worked with businesses in the community to bring their vision to life,

with the new space opening last June.

Another committee wanted to raise money to help students cover costs associated with playing school sports. They brought in \$1,000, which was used to cover uniforms, registration fees, and transportation costs.

“It teaches them skills they can use for the rest of their lives – they can be applied to wherever they go after high school. The course is about equipping youth with what they need to be successful and have the confidence to know they can make a difference. They just have to put themselves out there and try,” Carr said.

One of the focuses this semester is on boosting school spirit – the class recently hosted a themed ‘Halloween Week’ at the

school and organized a dance. Students are also assisting with upcoming school awards and Remembrance Day assemblies.

In early October, Hahn and 25 students attended a retreat at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. The Canadian Student Leadership conference brought 500 students and 100 staff from across the country to the Highlands for a weekend of learning and networking.

“Christine’s involvement in the conference demonstrates her innovation and leadership... to empower students to make a difference in their school and community,” Hahn said.

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Pilgrim: 'hold fast to those stories'

By Lisa Gervais

Belinda Wilson recalls walking into the Ardenne Abbey, near Caen, France, during the 2013 Royal Canadian Legion Ontario's Pilgrimage of Remembrance tour.

"I just felt such evil and such overwhelming fear," she said. "I didn't know what had happened in this place, but I knew it was something awful."

In June 1944, 20 Canadian soldiers were massacred in the abbey's garden.

During orientation, Wilson learned the terrible history of the place and said it stuck with her. So much so, that it was the first song she wrote upon returning to Canada.

She was working on another tune at the time, but "all a sudden this song just pushed its way out; just fell out of my head." This despite the fact she had been resisting it, since it brought back horrible memories and feelings. "But I couldn't help it and so I wrote it."

The events at Ardenne Abbey were part of the Normandy Massacres, a series of scattered killings during which up to 156 Canadian prisoners of war were murdered by soldiers of the 12th SS Panzer Division during the Battle of Normandy.

"Every time I sing that song, 11 years later, it still affects me," she said. Wilson has had people with ancestors from the massacres approach her after speaking engagements. When she apologizes, they inevitably tell her

they were glad she performed it, as "it keeps them alive."

Wilson, from Coboconk, presented 'In the Footsteps of Heroes' Nov. 3 at the Irondale Church. She is a Legion supporter, and military history enthusiast. The talk was part of the Service, Courage, and Sacrifices series presented by Bark Lake Cultural Developments.

Despite joining the pilgrimage in 2013, Wilson is still speaking about her experiences. She thinks she is up to 75 public engagements across Ontario, when most stop presenting after two years – when the next pilgrimage takes place.

The pilgrims go to Canadian battlefields, memorials, and cemeteries, with her trip mostly in Belgium and northern France, with a quick foray into the Netherlands.

"I always start off by telling people I am not a historian. I'm not here to give them a history lesson. If they want a history lesson, they can Google it. What I try to do through my photos, stories, songs, is help them to understand how I felt at these different places and try to evoke the importance of these stories, and of sharing these stories."

She said every presentation is one-of-a-kind because people react, and interact, differently afterwards. People bring their own stories and memorabilia.

As a songwriter, she expresses uniquely about her experiences. "I knew there were songs to be written when I got back."

She'll also remember the number of times people thanked them. She recalls that at Dieppe, "people were coming up and even if you didn't understand French, you knew what they were saying anyway. They were saying 'thank you', and they were trying to tell you about their grandfather, who took a Canadian soldier and hid him in a barn; their mother who prepared some quick meals when Canadian soldiers were trying to escape the Nazis. It was just 'thank you, thank you, thank you', and it just makes you so humble as a Canadian to be on the receiving end of that kind of gratitude.

"It's ingrained in them, generation after generation. It's not an obligation. It's not something you have to do, it's something you want to do because you feel it's necessary, that debt can never be repaid in their opinion."

Wilson's message for this Remembrance Day – with the ranks of Second World War veterans nearly gone?

"Any of them who are left, find out as much as you can from them; some of them are now starting to talk about it when they wouldn't 20-30 years ago. Hold fast to those stories. Listen to what they're saying. Listen to how they're saying it. Watch their eyes. So much can be told by a person's eyes because sometimes they're not telling you the whole story because maybe it's too gory or maybe they don't think it was that big a deal because they survived.



Belinda Wilson standing in the waters of the English Channel at Juno Beach. Submitted.

"If you have the privilege of encountering a veteran, stick out your hand and say 'thank you'.

She quotes from the lyrics of her abbey song, "another story to tell, tell the people, tell the children, remember them well."




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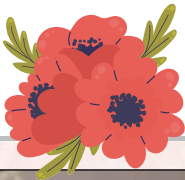


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Above left: Canadian Second World War Air Force veteran Cecil Bailey, 100 years young, makes his way to the front to be with the rest of the veterans to be honoured before dinner. Above: Canadian Second World War Navy veteran Henry Lam reviews the itinerary for the evening. Right: Brian Hambly opens the evening's events at the podium. Photos by Justin Belanger.



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The Cardhu salute to prairie farm boys

By William Spotton

I walked into the small Scottish country pub for lunch and a pint... or two... maybe, at well past 1 p.m.

I had just traveled up from England searching for some family roots. Spottons allegedly originate from the village of Spott, well now that I had seen it, actually a crossroads. It was outside Dunbar, Scotland in the lowlands on the east coast.

Spottons had then headed to Ulster before heading to Canada in the 1850's via New York then settling in the Guelph area of Ontario. I attended the University of Leuven in Belgium. It was early summer 1987. I had taken the ferry and driven over in between exam sessions. England's liquor licence laws still had many hangovers from the Second World War. The pubs closed for the mid-afternoon after lunch. The lunch last call was at 2:30 p.m. I had yet to have the pleasure of imbibing in my ancestral homeland of Scotland. I went to the bar and ordered a pint of the local ale then nestled in a corner of the small establishment with an ever-present book and the pint.

The place was almost empty. It was a weekday. When I finished my pint, the barkeep leaned over the bar and asked if I wanted another. I figured that was his last call for the lunch opening. I nodded. As I sipped and read, an older gentleman shuffled in and cozied up to the bar on one of the few stools. He did not say anything nor did the barkeep. A pint was poured, then golden liquid was poured into a small wine goblet. I watched approvingly before returning to my book.

When I finished my second pint, the barkeep attentively asked if I wanted a refill. I have never worn a wristwatch; nor could I see a clock on the wall. I was puzzled. I had been nursing my pints. It had to be well past 2:30 p.m. England's closing time. I asked, 'Isn't it past 2:30?' The barkeep chuckled, 'just up from England, are you?' 'Yes' I answered as I got up to bring my sleeve to the bar. 'We have different hours here. We



A Second World War corvette. Submitted.

are open all day' he explained.

With only a slight hesitation, 'Well then I will have another one'" I placed the glass on the bar for him to refill. The older gentleman sitting at the bar had been a watching our exchange with interest. Looking at me he spoke. "you are a Canadian." It was not a question. It was a statement. I could not contain my surprise and my being impressed. Even with our Commonwealth cousins, Canadians were more often taken for Americans. 'Why yes? How did you know?' 'Served with you lot in the war. I was in a mine sweeper. I was a fisherman.'

I looked at his weather-beaten face. He had the North Sea carved on it. Being impressed was fast morphing into awe. He continued, 'I saw your prairie farm boys with mud still on their boots bringing those convoys in, puking their guts out in those oversized wash tubs, those corvettes. No matter how much puke,

no matter how sick, they kept them coming though.'

He nodded in approval and admiration of those 'farm boys. 'You lot' - somehow at 20 in 1987 I was now one of those farm boys puking their guts out as they crossed the North Atlantic in the burgeoning Royal Canadian Navy's corvettes and other convoy small escorts ships - you lot kept us alive.' Bravest bloody thing I have ever seen. You are going to have a real drink laddie. Pour him a Cardhu. Drink that with your ale.'

He instructed me. The barkeep poured that golden liquid into a glass for me. My first scotch courtesy of the admiration of a weather-beaten veteran of the North Sea for my fellow Canadians of 40 years past, who went from farms and hills and woods and towns of our vast land to the North Atlantic to feed and supply a besieged island nation against the Nazi holocaust.

His words echo: 'bravest bloody thing I have ever seen.' I pondered those words. There are so many acts of bravery, especially in war. What distinguished those 'prairie boys' for this veteran of the North Sea. The day in day out fear they fought in hastily-designed and built tubs. Battling the North Sea, battling their fear, battling the U-boat packs, battling seasickness and more; day in, day out.

Their bravery was not a single act of heroism. It was a choice to live in fear each day in and out of their depths of the North Atlantic, in hope of a better world. This was what awed him, and me. What else was there to say as I mulled his words about my countrymen and women of 40 years ago?

'Bravest bloody thing I have ever seen.' There is one more thing to say: 'Thank you.' William Spotton Spott, Scotland 1987/ Farquhar Lake, 2023.

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Above: Watch out Mr. Fresh, it's Karyin's turn to battle. Right: The dance crew together (L-R, top) Crazy Smooth, Tash, Karyin, Mr. Fresh and JK-47 (L-R, bottom) Vibz and JC Fresh. Inset: Mr. Fresh makes a one-handed handstand look stylish. *Photos by Justin Belanger.*



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'Unlucky' Huskies split weekend games

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County Huskies head coach Ryan Ramsay has issued a warning to his young charges after watching his team dominate in back-to-back games against the Cobourg Cougars and Markham Royals last weekend, but only earn a pair of points.

The blue and white dropped a 5-2 decision to the Cougars on home ice Saturday in a frustrating game that saw the visitors withstand an offensive barrage from the Huskies, while scoring twice shorthanded before following up with a tight 4-3 win over the Royals on the road Sunday.

"Sometimes in hockey, you don't always get what you deserve, but it's a good reminder for the boys that you have to take your chances when they come," Ramsay said, noting his team outshot the Cougars 44 to 24, and the Royals 48 to 24.

"We were all over them in both games, but just couldn't score. That hasn't happened too often this year, but you know, a little adversity can be a good thing too. It gives us an opportunity to respond," Ramsay added.

The Cougars arrived in Minden Nov. 2 for their first tussle of the season with the Huskies. The two teams have a bitter rivalry stretching back three seasons, with Cobourg recently getting the last laugh after dumping the Huskies from the 2024 post-season, besting the hometown side 4-1 in last year's first round series.

The game's first goal came very much against the run of play – Michael De Sousa scoring shorthanded for Cobourg after stealing the puck along the blueline and racing clear to beat Corbin Votary in the home goal 10:03 into the first. Visiting netminder Reece Herman made 14 saves in the opening period.

The Cougars pounced again early in the second to make it a two-goal game, Beckett Ewart burying his 10th of the season at 1:47. The 18-year-old added another at 13:23, this time on the powerplay after a Tyson Rismond cross-checking minor, to give Cobourg a

three-goal lead heading into the final frame.

Peter Saroglou got the Huskies on the board early in the third, scoring his second of the season from Ty Petrou and Camron Hankai. With the clock counting down, the Huskies went on the powerplay again – Blake Peters-Davey punished for slashing at 15:52, but were frustrated by a game Herman. De Sousa scored his second shortie at 17:39.

Noah Lodoen threatened a late Haliburton revival, making it 4-2 at 18:48, but Ewart completed his hat-trick with an empty netter at 19:23.

"We had two guys make a couple bad plays, which I'm sure they would want back. We outshot Cobourg two-to-one, we had double the amount of offensive zone time. Sometimes, you just run into a hot goalie," Ramsay said.

Huskies 4-3 Royals

It was almost a case of déjà vu for the Huskies, who were run close Sunday by a Royals team that had won only four of 19 games this season.

The game will be remembered for an impressive Deandres De Jesus hat-trick, with the 20-year-old scoring his team-leading 12th, 13th and 14th goals of the season – one in each period – to inspire the Huskies to victory. Kaiden Thatcher notched the game-winner 9:29 into the third for his first Haliburton goal.

Ramsay admitted it was a frustrating weekend for special teams, with the Huskies giving up another shorthanded tally against Markham. "Our powerplay was on the ice for three goals against – we haven't had a goal scored against us all year a man up," he said.

The team has had a full week of practice in Minden ahead of games against the St. Michael's Buzzers Nov. 9, at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena with puck drop 4 p.m., and the Toronto Jr. Canadiens in the city Nov. 10. Ramsay said that's allowed the coaching staff to iron out some kinks and help some injured players with their recovery.



Deandres De Jesus scored a hat-trick during Sunday's 4-3 road win over the Markham Royals. Photo by Justin Belanger.

Ryder Dagenais remains out week-to-week, but defenceman Raine Nadeau is nearing a return after missing several weeks with a hairline fracture in his leg.

Ramsay said it's been quiet on the trade front, but he expects things to pick up later in the month.

"You have teams finding out who they are right now. Decisions are usually made in late

November and early December. We're in a good spot – we're doing well and competing, and we still have two 20-year-old [spots] left," Ramsay said, expecting his team will be active buyers when the time comes.

The Huskies maintained their spot within the CJHL Top 20 rankings Nov. 4, sitting in 16th.

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Kicking off the year at the Aurora Early Bird tournament, the team showcased their talent, narrowly falling to the Sarnia Sting in a hard-fought final. Standout performances included Marshall Heasman and Corbin Elliot, who each recorded shutouts against formidable opponents from Niagara, St. Thomas, Burlington, South Simcoe, and Aurora.

Transitioning to regular season play, the Storm boasted an unbeaten record of 4-0-1 as they prepared to face the undefeated Brock Wild this past Saturday (Nov. 2).

The matchup was thrilling, with Brock striking first in the second period. However, the Storm quickly leveled the score as Grayson Park found the back of the net, assisted by Conner Iles. Elliot's exceptional goaltending kept the game tied until the third period, when the Storm took control. A long pass from Linus Gervais set up an impressive play, as assistant captain Chase Kerr connected with fellow assistant Captain Jaxon Hurd for the go-ahead goal.

The Storm maintained their offensive pressure, thanks to strong plays from captain Rowan Johnson and Liam Milburn on defense, while forwards James Gooley, Nash Wilson, Bently Bull, Kelson Bagshaw, and Austin Cunningham all came close to scoring. The Wild managed to equalize late in the third period, resulting in a hard-fought draw. Marshall Heasman and Rowan Little were unavailable to play but provided positive support to the Storm team.

Head coach Chris Kerr, along with his coaching staff—Jesse Johnson, Shawn Walker, Joe Boice, and Tyler Martin - are optimistic about the team's ability to sustain their strong performance throughout the season. Manager Brad Park has scheduled a busy November, filled with games and a tournament to prepare the Storm for the prestigious Silver Stick in December.

Come support the team at our next home game on Nov. 9. The Storm will face off against the Durham Crusaders at 1 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. We look forward to seeing you there. *(Submitted).*

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Above: There were car servicing-themed carved pumpkins. Top right: Members of the Haliburton County Huskies were on hand at Haliburton Chrysler Oct. 31 for a Halloween truck or treat event. Right: Families visit the Haliburton Chrysler trunk or treat event last Thursday. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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World's most famous vampire enroute

By Mike Baker

Highlands theatre troupe Ctrl-ART-Del has released its 2025 performance lineup, with a comedic take on a cult horror classic set to take centre stage at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in the spring.

Co-leads Amy Leis and Tim Nicholson announced *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors* will run for a series of shows April 24 to 26. Written by Gordon Greenberg and Steve Rosen and inspired by the original Bram Stoker tale, the play debuted on the New York theatre scene in 2023 and is getting ready to sink its teeth into smalltown Ontario early next year.

"Hang onto your garlic and your crucifix and let go of your pre-conceived gender roles. The world's most famous vampire will be landing in Haliburton to drink blood and make love," Nicholson said.

In describing the play, Nicholson said it centres around to-be-married couple Lucy Westfeldt and Jonathan Harker, who, after Lucy's sister, Mina, falls ill with a mysterious blood disease, enlist the help of famed vampire hunter Dr. Jean Van Helsing to hunt for the fabled County Dracula and, possibly, a cure.

He described the production as a "whip-sharp, campy, gender-bending romp where gothic horror meets Monty Python."

A second show will debut in August – *The Grown-Ups*, by Skylar Fox and Simon Henriques. It centres on a group of camp counsellors trying to mold the leaders of tomorrow when tomorrow is looking bleaker and bleaker, Nicholson said. It will play at the Haliburton Legion Aug. 14, 16 and 17.

In addition to the two main productions, Leis said there will be a variety of pop-up workshops, activities and readings through the early months of 2025.

The pair hope to fill the production with familiar faces, hosting auditions for all roles Dec. 7 and 8 at the Haliburton Legion.



Amy Leis, co-lead of theatre group Ctrl-ART-Del, is excited about the recently announced 2025 season. *File.*

Sign up information is available online at ctrlartdel.ca.

Leis said there will be opportunities for performers of all genders, from high school age and up.

"We are more than happy to cast newcomers to theatre, and strongly encourage beginners to audition. If you're anxious and want to know more about what to expect in the audition room, we can help," Leis said.

After a successful 2024 season that saw several new actors make their debut on stage in Haliburton, Leis is hoping to see a similar outpouring of fresh talent next year. Ctrl-ART-Del recently concluded its scene study student workshops, where seven fledgling actors and actresses performed four scenes and four monologues at the legion.

"We're incredibly proud of the students who came out this year," Leis said, noting they learned the basics of acting techniques

and got a taste for how a production is put together.

Theatre enthusiasts who prefer to stay out of the limelight can also get involved – Leis said there are lots of opportunities to assist behind-the-scenes with wardrobe, props, sets, tech and sound, front of house, and stage management.

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Cal enjoyed all outdoor activities, cutting firewood, maple syrup making, and gardening. He was also a Legion member, playing Friday night darts. He loved classis country music – especially Bluegrass and Mac Wisement. Many thanks to the many friends and wonderful neighbours for all their help, kindness and friendship.

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In Loving Memory of
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She was sadly predeceased by her husband, Robert Milne (2015); son, Roger; daughters, Christine and Barbara (the late Bob Schneider). Born in Sheffield, England she was only 16 when WWII started. The war years’ experiences shaped her inclination to care-giving and a generous spirit. Her young family immigrated to Canada in the 1950s, drawn by design work on the Avro Arrow jet project. They resided for many years in Brampton and latterly Oakville. Many years of retirement were split between residences in Haliburton and Fort Myers, Fla. Finally, she and Bob were longtime residents of Minden. She had a long, eclectic career. Highlights were: Registered Cardiology Technologist and esteemed Medical Secretary Program Developer and Instructor at Sheridan College. She was a lifelong volunteer, including Auxiliary at Oakville Trafalgar Hospital and Minden Auxiliary of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. She and Bob were active congregants of Saint Paul’s Anglican Church. Bob, as an artist did several pieces commemorating local churches. In recent years she led the Haliburton Highlands line dancing group in Stanhope. Even after a shift from living independently she continued to share of herself with many staff and residents; and forged new friendships still, after a century. All who knew her well can attest that she was an active contributor; and hers was a life well lived.

She demonstrated qualities of great kindness. She was tough; but a natural comic and performer and generally, a real character. In accord with her wishes, there is no funeral and cremation has occurred. A small celebration of her life is planned later. A warm thank you is extended to all who helped support Dorothy in her final years, especially at Hyland Crest. You know, individually who you are. Online condolences may be made at comstockkaye.com



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EVENTS

Nov. 8, 8 a.m.
Minden Rotary is hosting its fifth annual online holiday auction. This year’s highlights include Toronto Maple Leafs tickets to a premiere game against the Boston Bruins, wine packages from Fielding Winery, breakfast at Sunnyrock for six people, and much more. Over 100 items total. The auction runs until Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. Register at charityauction.bid/mindenrotary2024. Support local.

Nov. 9, 4 - 6:30 p.m.
Highland Grove Community Centre hot turkey dinner with pies for dessert. Adults \$15, children \$8 (children five to 10 yrs. old). Children under five, free. All proceeds for the Highland Grove Historical Society.

Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SIRCH Community Services has brought its ‘Lunch is On Us’ complimentary food program back for another year. Stop by the Bistro at 49 Maple Ave. every Wednesday for a free hot lunch and live entertainment. Donations are accepted, but not necessary. For more information, and menu updates, call 705-457-1742, or visit sirch.on.ca.

Nov. 13, 7 to 9 p.m.
The latest ‘Telling Our Stories’ Speaker Series event will feature Aaju Peter and Barbara Kraus for a conversation on the realities of living and travelling in the Canadian arctic. Taking place at the HHOA Fish Hatchery at 6712 Gelert Rd. Admission is \$15 per person. Seating is limited, pre-registration is recommended. For tickets, contact Barrie Martin at 705-457-7557 or barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com.

Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are hosting a Christmas book sale at the Minden Hills branch, located at 176 Bobcaygeon

Rd. Choose from a variety of gently-read books. Payment is by cash or cheque donation. All money raised supports library enhancements and programs for all libraries in the County.

Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Haliburton Legion craft sale - start your Christmas shopping with homemade crafts by 40 talented local vendors. The Auxiliary ladies will be serving soup, sandwiches, and sweets in the Schofield Room.

Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
Environment Haliburton! upcoming virtual Enviro-Cafe features Dr. Jennifer Penney, author of Bill 198, An Act Providing a Climate Change Adaptation for Ontario, for a discussion on how we can adapt to extreme weather events caused by climate change. Register in advance at environmenthaliburton.org.

Nov. 22
County Music Association of Ontario is hosting a Holly Jolly Christmas Show at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, immediately following the Haliburton Santa Claus parade. Featuring Leah Daniels and Beverley Mahood singing a collection of holiday classics. Tickets are \$35, with children 12 and under \$15. Available at cmaontario.ca, or by calling 647-231-2626. CMAO is a non-profit supporting grassroots country artists across Ontario.

Nov. 23, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Haliburton Winter Fair at A.J. LaRue Arena and the Haliburton Legion. Enjoy a Christmas market, Santa’s workshop, and cookie decorating until 1 p.m., classic Christmas cartoon screenings from 1 to 3 p.m. and free community skating from 3 to 5 p.m. All supplies are provided free to children 12 and under, with everyone getting to take their creations home. All are welcome.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities

Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league starting soon, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.

Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back. There’s a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

Clubroom hours: Mon closed, Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m

The Legion’s mandate is to help veterans, assist with their mental and physical health and social wellbeing, provide a feeling of togetherness and combat isolation. All are welcome to attend our events.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Coboconk Second Monday of the month: General meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.

First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.

Saturdays: Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce

Mon: 7 to 10 p.m.

Wed: 2 to 6 p.m.

Thurs: 2 to 6 p.m.

Fri: 2 to 11 p.m.

Sat: 2 to 9 p.m.
Sun: Special events only

Wings and jam session Nov. 8 and 22, 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per pound.

Seniors’ 55+ lunch Nov. 8 and 22 at noon. Cost is \$15 per person. Call Denice Butler at 705-488-8865 to reserve a spot.

Remembrance Day service Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Cenotaph adjacent to the Lloyd Watson Centre. Lunch to follow by donation, provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Meatloaf and mashed potatoes dinner Nov. 15, 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

Karaoke Nov. 16, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sandwiches will be served around midnight. No entry fee.

CFL Grey Cup Party Nov. 17, starting at 4 p.m. Pub food and appetizers will be available. Cost is \$15 per person.

Fish and chips Nov. 29, 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 for one piece of fish, or \$20 for two pieces.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

Monday - Thursday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers’ Tuesday.

Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

Saturday all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.

Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541

Weekly activities:
Karaoke: call for dates
Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m. Rug Hookers every second week.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

A Man of the Cloth

by Barbara Olson
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- Across**
- 1 "Ah, me"
 - 5 ___ Paulo, Brazil
 - 8 Use a scratching post, say
 - 14 Address to a nobleman
 - 15 151, in Roman numerals
 - 16 Gives it a whirl
 - 17 Remain unruffled
 - 19 Instantly sent a return
 - 20 Tailor's reply to a complaining customer?
 - 22 Unusual far-sightedness?
 - 23 "Play it, Sam" speaker
 - 24 Forensics show initials.
 - 27 Tailor's comments about scissor snips?
 - 31 One who stirs the pot in Macbeth
 - 32 One of many "Lil" rappers
 - 33 "You're the Apple of ___" (Louis Armstrong song)
 - 34 Steal the spotlight from
 - 37 Blows a gasket
 - 39 Partner of doom
 - 40 Cl-, for one
 - 41 Black, Red or Yellow body
 - 42 What the hesitant tailor did when shortening pants?
 - 47 Montréal's rue ___-Catherine
 - 48 Super star?
 - 49 Wharf workers' union: Abbr.
 - 50 Female tailor?
 - 55 Was in the REM stage
 - 58 Dancing siblings Fred and Adele
 - 59 "You are released, go!"
 - 60 Wildebeest
 - 61 Greenwich granny
 - 62 A ___ in one's own mind (egotist)
 - 63 Aurora's Greek counterpart
 - 64 Pesky insect
- Down**
- 1 Puts to Quora
 - 2 Word before "of flowers," often
 - 3 "Whose woods these ___ think I know"
 - 4 World's continents, e.g.

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- 5 Working the ice cream cone stand, at times
- 6 Onetime Expos manager Felipe
- 7 Drillers at sea
- 8 Word heard before "click," maybe
- 9 News anchor Lisa controversially fired for not dyeing her hair
- 10 "Like that'll ever happen"
- 11 Mart start, of retail
- 12 It's impossible to do this backwards
- 13 "The Fox and the Hound" fox
- 18 Bump below the skin
- 21 Camera using mirrors: Abbr.
- 24 Iron worker's concern?
- 25 Chatted via webcam
- 26 "___ bad moon rising" (CCR lyric)
- 27 Pill that's not hard to swallow
- 28 Horrid, old-stye
- 29 Scot's not
- 30 Shakespearean assents
- 31 Actors Grant and Jackson
- 35 Manx man?
- 36 Emphatic cry from the pews
- 37 Apollo, Ares or Adonis
- 38 Temporarily off-air, as a show
- 40 Fit to be tied
- 43 Covered one's i's?
- 44 Hail, in Old Rome
- 45 "It's ___ blur to me now"
- 46 Undertaking, as a war
- 50 Paddock female
- 51 "Money ___ object"
- 52 It borders on Saudi Arabia
- 53 "General Hospital" actress Sofer
- 54 You might wind up in court after taking this: Abbr.
- 55 Two-base hit: Abbr.
- 56 Riddle-me-___
- 57 5, 6 and 7 of 26

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